

# Thank you for your interest in Pancreatic Cancer UK



I am delighted that you are interested in working with us. If you decide to apply for a role at Pancreatic Cancer UK, and go on to join us, I know you won't be disappointed.

I joined the charity as CEO over 3 years ago and since then I have been so inspired by the incredible team we have at Pancreatic Cancer UK; by our amazing supporters, and by all that those affected by pancreatic cancer do to help us in our mission to transform the future. Almost without exception, those who join our team find they too are similarly inspired and determined to make a difference. If you want to be part of generating real, positive change, then Pancreatic Cancer UK is the place for you - and helping us to make that change is never more important:

## **We're facing a pancreatic cancer emergency.**

Too little has improved and too many people are dying. It's unacceptable that more than half of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer die within 3 months.

Survival rates have improved enormously for most cancers, but sadly, for pancreatic cancer, this is not the case. Symptoms are often vague and not recognised. People are experiencing unnecessary delays to get diagnosed, and waiting too long to be referred for treatment. Alongside this, effective new treatments are not being developed. As a result, 9 out of 10 people with pancreatic cancer don't get the treatment they need to give them the best chance to survive.

## **More people will die from pancreatic cancer than breast cancer by 2026.**

Nearly 10,500 people a year are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, but it has the lowest survival with around 9,000 dying every year. Despite being a common cancer and having the poorest survival rates, only 3% of the annual UK cancer research budget goes into pancreatic cancer. This is shameful.

There is hope.

By working together, our actions today can transform the future for people affected by pancreatic cancer.

Thanks to our staff and our amazing supporters, we are making a stand and demanding a better future through funding research and campaigning for change.

## **But we're also here for those that need us today.**

We don't want anyone to have to face pancreatic cancer alone. Our specialist nurse Support Line, expert information and services connects people with similar experiences. We provide people with pancreatic cancer and their families with practical steps and emotional support when they need it most.

But we can't do any of this alone - **we can only succeed and transform the future if we take it on together.** You could be a key part of our success.

This is a great role and a very exciting time to join the charity. We are an ambitious charity working with one of the toughest cancers. As we come out of the pandemic and our current five-year strategy comes to an end, our priority is to have a robust and immediate plan in place. So, we have developed a new, ambitious two-year plan in response to Covid and, alongside this, we are working on our longer-term strategy, which will drive forward our ambition to transform the future for people affected by pancreatic cancer.

Your reward will be to see more people with pancreatic cancer have the chance to live longer, better lives. What's more, you'll be joining an incredible team and a great place to work:

- **We're a small charity, so you'll feel part of a team**, not a machine. We celebrate all our achievements together, we make sure new starters get a great welcome, and we never forget we are a community where everyone has value.
- **We're passionate about our cause**, and are in a strong position to make a difference.
- **We make sure you can give your best** – we'll invest in your learning and development, we'll value your skills and experience, and we'll give you the chance to shine.
- **We have a great team of passionate and determined staff and supporters**, with strong partnerships with patients, families, fundraisers, medical professionals, researchers and policy-makers.
- **We encourage a healthy work-life balance** and are always happy to discuss flexibility in light of the role requirements and your own personal needs. We have high levels of job satisfaction and a collaborative and innovative culture – and I know everyone here would join me in being proud to work here. We are currently working remotely from home due to Covid restrictions. We are also considering an appropriate blend of working from home and in the office, so that staff can work flexibly once the office is fully open once again. So if you feel excited and inspired by the prospect of joining us to play a vital role in our mission to transform the future for everyone affected by pancreatic cancer, we would love to hear from you. We are working hard to create an inclusive workplace and therefore welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and experiences, as well as applicants eager to embody our values; Determined, Compassionate, Pioneering and With Integrity.

Please find enclosed further information about the Charity, the disease and this position, and do take a look at our website and read through the job description and person specification for more information and whether your skills and experience are a fit for this role.

We hope to hear from you soon.

With best wishes,

**Diana Jupp**  
**Chief Exec**